I got a booklet about the trip.
Thanks, Ikuya!
Light Music Club
Trip Guidebook
It's scheduled for the first three days of summer break.
That's real soon!!
On the night of the second day is a concert set up as a contest.
Our time slot is ten minutes.
Right before the showdown with Sagara's band.
We can't fill that time with only one song...
A...
About that...

◆ The band decides to face off with the music club in a summer camp concert.

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第21話「作曲をすると最終的に尻を出すハメになる」
Issue 21: Try to Compose, End Up Showing Your Butt

Y-You made us a song?
W-Well, it's still just a demo.
it's all simple except for the bass, and there are no lyrics yet...
We've been talking about making a song, right?
So I've been learning a few things.
IKU YAA AAA AAA AAA AA!!
I'd love to hear it!
Did you bring the demo with you?
Play it! Plaaay iiit!!
Yes, Ikuya, let us hear.

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I'm serious, it's just a demo still!!
Argh, I should have just finished it before I...
...Hm?
Hey! Give that back!
On your phone, hm?
!!
Not a shred of kindness or friendship here, is there?!
.....
Does anyone here know Ikuya's birthday...?
He's dumb, so maybe it's his birthday?
I don't know his lock password...
Here's your phone back.
Oh!
Finally coming around, huh?
...Look. Let me go and I'll let you hear.

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Th...
This is amazing, Magasa!
It has such a good melody...
And I think we can learn to play it in no time.
Y-You think so?
Unfair!! You gotta let me listen too!!

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You shouldn't be so against it anyway.
If you put a lot of work into it, what's embarrassing about that?
Ugh...

戸惑いながらも紡いだ…
一片の旋律…
A fragment of melody, spun adrift on a stormy sea...
発露しかけの自我に生えた
まだ震える翼…
Wings still shaky, grown from a half-emerged mind...
そう、それはさながら青春の切れ端……
Indeed, it truly is like a scrap of youth itself...
You're doing this on purpose, right?!
You're making it harder for me to do this!!

Ugh!
Just stop it!

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I'LL MAKE IT QUICK FOR YOU!!
Line up in the order you wanna die!
Ikuya!! You're goin' too far, too!!
Listen up, you maggots who dare to bother Kurane!!
N-No, I'm the one who...
I-I'm playing it...
L-Let's all just calm down.
I'm sorry, Ikuya. Play it for us!
MINO I'M SORRY !!

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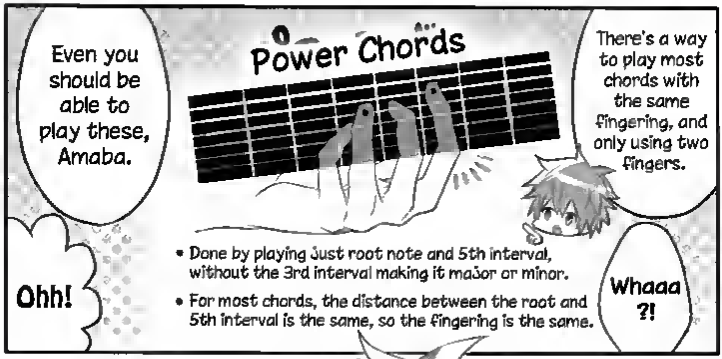
There's things called power chords.
I looked into it myself...
...T-There's, uh, there's actually a bunch of chords I can't play...
Don't worry!


Even you should be able to play these, Amaba.
Power Chords
There's a way to play most chords with the same fingering, and only using two fingers.
• Done by playing just root note and 5th interval, without the 3rd interval making it major or minor.
• For most chords, the distance between the root and 5th interval is the same, so the fingering is the same.
Ohh!
Whaaa?!

For now, that's the most we can do against the light music club.
You two beginners will do what you can, while me and Kurane add flavor.

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Lyrics, lyrics...
Composing
Lyrics
Once divided into composition and lyrics teams, work could begin.
Hmm... Well, we just messed around...
And how did that go?
We tried this before at Kaze's house.
What should we even be writing?
♪ Run away, start runn
You can't be held dow
Now spread your w
Move on believing
I may not be stron
But so that you u
I make a little pray
How uninspired.
And Ikuya's lyrics were hair-raisingly cheap.
Ah!
Then why don't we...
If we're stuck, maybe we need a change of pace!

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Pig butts?
Pig butts.
Saunds like a plan.
I see. So then, lyrics that make people think it's describing a flower, then it turns out to be about pig butts.
Thase flowers are also known as "sowbread," 'cause pigs eat them.
* Actual True Fact
Pretty interesting, huh?
We'll have to write on it beforehand.
Will the audience be able to see?
Excellent.
SHAKE
Move
Marbles
BUTT
OCKS
Fills
Lowers
Net
We'll create a mechanism that makes the drums slowly pull down Ikuya's pants during the performance to reveal his buttocks.
Perfect!
Naw it's just a question of what to write!
BUTT
OCKS
They will if he stops to dramatically drink some water from an tap of an amp!

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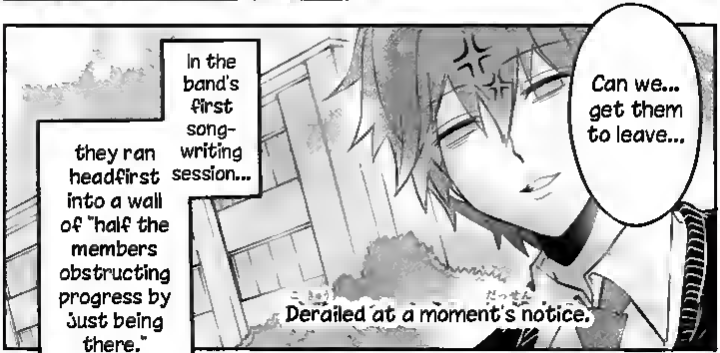

◆ Working on an original song, in preparation for the trip and concert.

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第22話「轟く音色、唸る指先、ギタリスト頂上決戦」
Issue 22: Roaring Tones and Howling Fingers, Battle of the Guitarists

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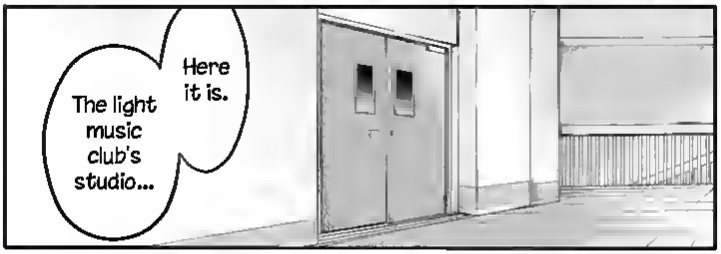

This door seems double-layered, too.
Whoa, nice...
I can't hear the all-important sound...
Indeed, the room is well-soundproofed.
...They got a lot of nice equipment, huh.
Making the best of not being audible, huh...
Where'd you buy those awful clothes?
Could your bangs be any more angular?
... Daina's a doody-head!
ネチ ネチネチネチ...
Hey!
What're you guys up to here?!

Hey, what the?!
That you, Amaba?!
Tsuru-maki!
Class 1-A
Shuuya Tsurumaki
Erm...
Who?
?
He's a class-mate of ours...
who's in the light music club.

He told me some stuff about the music club.
Well, before our band got started...
スタスタ...
I've never seen you talking or anything.
Are you two on good terms?
I know I was right ta go free and start my own band.
Wasn't running! Just sounded boring to me!
Also heard you wouldn't join and ran off.
Heard you picked a fight with our leader.
For real...
Heh! You think that means you bested him?

Normally that might happen once a year at most... but our leader's band, West Brook, is made entirely of exceptions!
いかだがノクは
in our club, everybody does a year of individual training.
1年間の徹底した課される
But if you're good enough, you're considered exceptional and can get exempted.
れるんた
Why're you so proud?
イラッ
The'vey even got the attention of major labels! You scared yet?!
That makes it a real record-breaking band!
That means we could have the same opportunity!
... Hm.
Record labels, watching our school?

Hah! You guys reeeally don't know where you stand!
W-What was that ...?
フンスゥゥゥ...
PEH!
フンスー
Me and Amaba'll have a guitar show-down!
Okay, idea!
I'll smack you down before you even take on our leader!
Just what I wanted to hear!
Hahn!
ュルルルルルル

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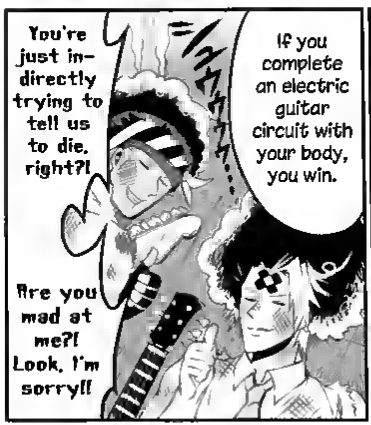
Okay, how about this?
Guitar love, eh...

I can't think of anything concrete, so help me figure this out!!
A real guitarist, y'know, he can show his love for guitar without even havin' one!
Did you hit your head?
Can he, now...


You're just indirectly trying to tell us to die, right?!
If you complete an electric guitar circuit with your body, you win.
Are you mad at me?! Look, I'm sorry!!

There's no winner there!!
We'll see if your playing arm can withstand a guitar broken over it.
Please nothing violent!!

Grrr gh...
Well, then...
If you don't like my ideas, you come up with something.

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I don't want this kinda thrill!!!
Let's each eat half.
You gotta understand! Rubber bands're more, like, actively exciting than this!!
Don't cut it!!
Alright then!
We were just about to get to most thrilling part!!
ジョキィィン
ヒュンヒュンヒュン
I heard Jeff Beck once ate curtains with a side of rubber...
A true guitarist would eat it.
AGO
Where'd the curtains come from?!
ヒッヒッヒッ
Come now...
ゴゴゴ
ヒッヒッヒッ
Come on...

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You decided the rules for the previous match, so I'll do it this time.
?!
I think you just cut up my personal property, actually!!
Did I do that?!
Hah, do we have a sore loser?
I won't accept it! One more match!
Hmph!
Please give me another chance!
You need to be sincere with a request like that.
Oh!
Yeah, I know tons about chords!
Maybe you could test each other's knowledge?
But without a guitar, how can we even...

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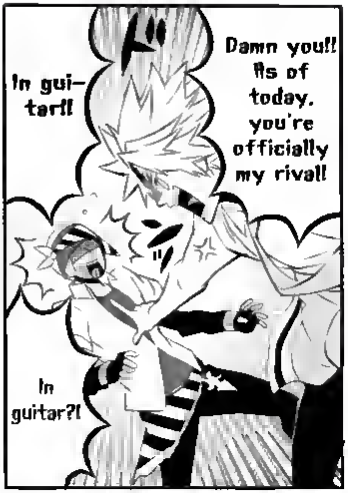
Hee hee hee.
Uh... Damn, I dunno...
Mmgh ...
Maybe this?
Huh? Wha?

Did he seriously lose?!
Ikuya... don't touch me...
You WHAT?!
...I lost!
This man is a god of Othello...
A-A god?!
I'm so afraid, I may soil myself...
Huh?!
NOOOOOOO!!
That bad?! S-Sorry, I guess...
The pain, the pain, the pain, the pain!
NOOO! It just can't BEEE!
The pain! The pain!

We'll serve as a third party to come up with third round.
Yes.
It's still one for each, so the next match decides it...


Damn you!! As of today, you're officially my rival!
In gui-tar!!
In guitar?!

MAKE IT SOME-THING I CAN WIN AT
Of course!

And no running.
R-Right!
We'll settle this!

That went rather long... Now, to the student council room.
...Hm?

Ikuya
W-What are you doing?
The Othello club and Tsurumoki...?
I love guitar! ♡
I love guitar! ♡
I love guitar! ♡
It was a draw.
Having a competition to see who can say "I love guitar! ♡" the most while we hold our left knee above our right shoulder and slap each other with broken rubber bands...
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Their idiocy is also evenly-matched.

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◆Time to depart for the light music club trip!

Issue 23:
Not Particularly Testing Any Courage
Scattered, yet connected;
derailing, yet advancing.
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ズズズ
I♥Guitar
... Not so close.
It's on, Ama-ba.
Then day 2 is the concert con-test.
ピラ...
No time for that. The first day's for training our butts off.
Heh... Actu-ally...
HONEY COOKIES
I♥Guitar
It was a draw before, but this time I'm gonna settle the score!
Yeah, before this trip is done!

I can't make the whole thing without that!!
Then I guess I can take a packet of Neruneru-■rune as thanks?
You're cruel, dude!!

Our leader arranged for it, 'cause he wasn't making an exception for you!
Even first-years can be in the contest this year!!
Thanks to us, huh?

Just a Yan■in Tsukebo chocolate for me.
You're demons!!
Hey, wait!
Anyone else need anything?

What's wrong?

You want something too, Yakumo?
...
Eh?

This is Aoi's first time ever riding in a car...
Wha?!
I think she's a little scared.
Oh?
Well, well...
Cars are known to explode one in seven times.
L-Lies!
Lies, you say?
I got caught in an explosion very shortly after arriving here...
Shall I show you the burned skin under my gloves?
No! That's fine!
Sheesh! Don't tease her.
Sorry, sorry.
...You'll get what's coming to you...

We're here!!
マントル
Get your luggage to your room and get practicing pronto.
Wha aaa?!

I like the looks of those mountains! Let's go explore!
Wait up...
トコトコ
That one looks like it'd have a tsuchi-noko, right?!
Huh?!
Do tsuchi-noko really exist?
Uh, nope.
Is your brain made of jelly sweets?
Gah!
But tengu and ground-dwellers exist...!
ユソトル
...Look, just prac-tice.
There's a limited number of stu-dios.
...合宿しおり
And they're on a strict schedule of rotation.
Okaaa aaay...
We'll finish up the new song by tomor-row!
Wh oooo oo!!

...That went pretty well.
Hm...
It is a song made to match our respective skill levels.

The guitar part's too simple...
I wanna stand out more!
Maybe I can brush Ikuya's teeth while playing?
I can't sing then!
And it doesn't even stand out much!

Ah, sorry, I haven't quite...
Hey, what about lyrics? You were doing that, right?
Bleh.
NO horse-play! Focus on the per-for-mance!
ABSO-LUTELY NOT.
Ah, so you're leaving it to us after all?
フッ?
Hm?
I've got a general idea, so I just...
I'll do what I can with our spare time, and during the night...
But the show's tomorrow! Are you gonna make it?

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I can write lyrics until the test tonight starts.
They're ready to perform, so let 'em rest.
Maga-sa...
Just let them go.
Nah, I can focus more by myself...
Definitely won't be able to focus if I'm alone with her...
I'll help!
Hurry up, Minooo!
...Call me if you need me?
Sure, thanks.

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You go to the temple, and come back!! That's it!!
Rules are simple!! You're gonna climb up this hill in number order!
He's as annay-ing as Amaba...
First-year Tsurumaki gonna lay things out for all y'all!!
ざわ
ざわ
Okaaaaay! Who's number one gonna be?!
It's Amaba and ca., sa they'll do samething outrageous...
I gotta prepare for the worst based on his react-ions...!
ゴク
Wow! The leader right away!!
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...Here I go.

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I'm with those unnatural guys every day...
Dammit! Not surprised at all...?
I can handle most anything!
BOO!
!
Get her clinging on to me and all...
HA HAHA
If only Kurane were here, I could look so cool for her...
こん
もり
What's this out-of-place pile?
... Uh.
... Hm?
And if in the darkness, we would finally...!!

W-WAAAAAUGH!!
ビクッ!!!
Bah! So you avoided falling in.
That's the same as saying "you avoided DYING"!!
Don't be ridiculous. I wished to test bodily strength...
ドテッ
You're only supposed to test COURAGE!!
Ugh... You don't know anything about limits...
?!
W-What's that sound?!

GRAAAAAAAAH!!
A-Amaba?!
ドキドキ
ゴクリ
ゴクリ...
How was that?! Scary, right?!
Well, YEAH! But NO!!
You guys've got things mixed up here!!
Stop it, this is really dangerous!
And way too superhuman!
Mgh...
B-But!

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WHUMP...
ズズゥゥゥ
ズズゥゥゥ
ズズゥゥゥ
ズズズズズズズ…
W-Wow, this is heavy...
Y-Ya kumo!!
You're going way too far!!
... Dammit.
The TERROR which cars possess!!
Hmph! Now do you understand?!
You're what's scary!!

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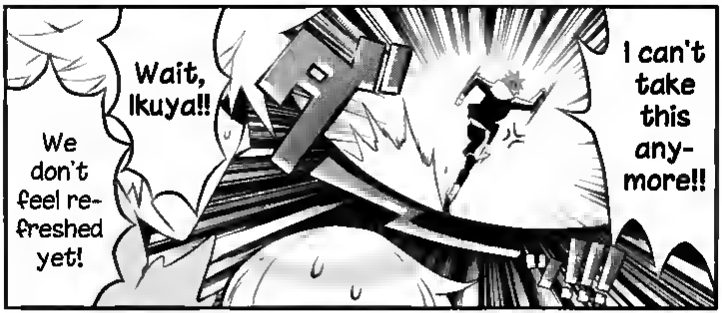

Revenging Ikuya - don't miss it!

◆ Ikuya vs. Amaba, Chinone, and Aoi's test of courage. Ikuya's in it to win it.

Man, I've been thinking about it, but...
No, there's not enough time.
Maybe take a 6 million yen loan in Ikuya's name?
serious
Yes, we must make use of some other fear.
No ghosts'll scare Ikuya 'cause he's so used to us monsters.
Hmm... What can we do...
How about you stop right there!!
What, is that worse than the debt?
How about making all the girls in class hate him?

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Issue 24: Both Bands and Pasta Are Still Tangled When Sold

第24話 「こんがらがったまま商品になるのはパスタとバンド」

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Script: You Takahashi / Art: Tsukasa Ryuuguu

When they come to surprise me, I'll make THEM scream!
With this fake hand I borrowed from one of the ghosts!
本物
Real
Those jerks...
I'm so gonna get back at them...!
AAA...
Should I really be bothering with this?
I still haven't come up with those lyrics yet...
...What?
Chino-ne?
!

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Yo, Ihuya!
Huh?
Ama-ba!
Too naive, Gen! I'm next!
!!!
Talk prop-erly!! What the hell!!!
If you need help thinhing, I han assist!
Sorry to may you pih up the slah.
...Um...
Say, have you finished those lyrihs?
What a wahy place the human world is.
...Uh.
It sure is darh at night!
Ahh, wait, Ikuya!
Enough. I'm going.
Scary, right?!
It's too baffling for me to say!!
Well?! How do yau like my "suddenly can't make a hard k sound" act?!
WHA?!

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Mwa ha ha...
?
Yep.
Guess we're almost there.
That's not scary, like, at all.
It makes ME look like the idiot for preparing this thing!!
See?! THINK you!!
The gap in the conver-sation!!
Well?! Weren't you scared?!
B-By what?
Your methods are way too out there!!
S...
Sorr... y?!
You!
Don't leave your garbage on the ground

YAAAAAHHHH!!!
Do you want to become litter, too?
ルルンヲ...
SORRY!! SORRY!!
FORGIVE ME!! FORGIVE ME!!
Heehee... Sorry, you two.
Huh?!
So please switch off the power on that thing!!
We'll pick it up and put it on display at home!!

It's me!
MINO OOOO OOOO OOO!!
It...
It was you, Kurane ...?

You never know what this band will come up with and when.
Hah hah! Meek-minded Magasa!
Ah!
Looks like Ikuya got spooked!
Just the same as ever...

...No, wait!
That's it!
No matter what, they'll be all over the place...
That was too much, Mino!
Can any lyrics sufficiently sum up this band?
Hee... Sorry.

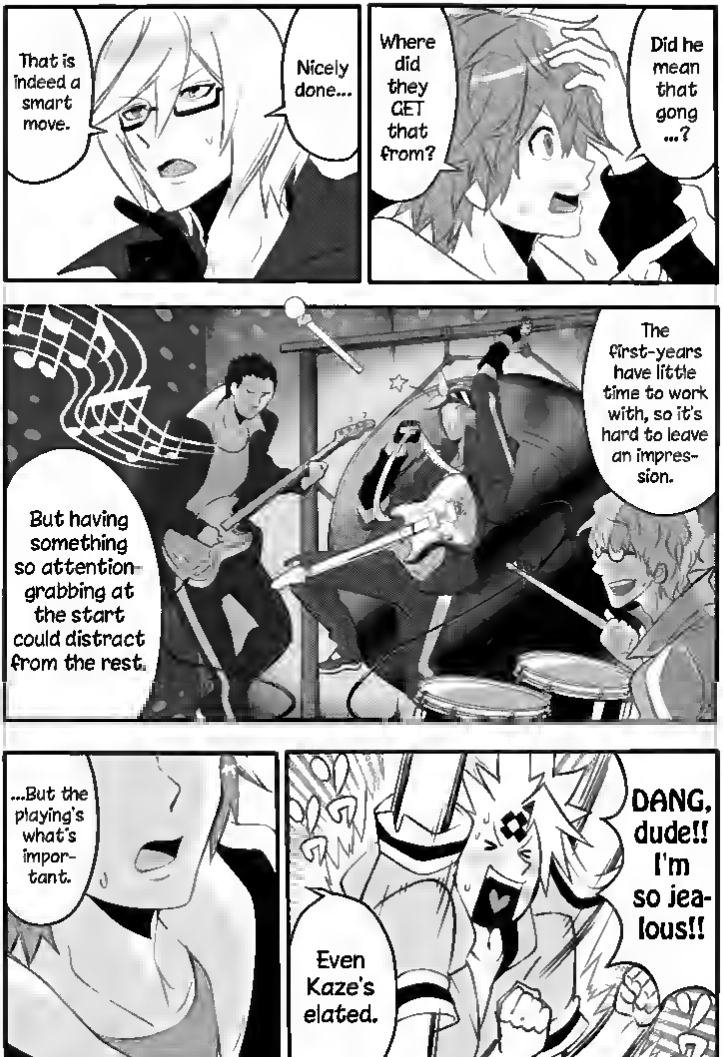
I just need to sing it how it is.
...Got it.
Don't hove to force looking cool... Our non-sense is our best quolity... prob-obly.
There's no need to make it all tidy!
Wos it reolly this simple?
Ikuya?
I can write lyrics!
...I can do this!

It's finally time!
トントン…
The Next Day
We're all set.
Glad we've got the lyrics sorted out.
They're really awesome!
Let's show 'em!

Now then, let us begin the contest.
This year, we have a total of fifteen bands participating.
Both your playing and your performance will be scored.
The sum of them determines your placing.
The judging committee consists of alumni and our advisor, Mr. Yoshioka.
Give it all you got, guys!
Music Club Advisor Yoshioka
First-years are also permitted to enter this year...
And may be exempted from basic training based on results. So do your best.
Heh heh heh...

Cause as first to bat, I'm ganna steal everybody's attention!
In fact, I've got a secret plan!!
Oh, and please tell me what yaur number is?!
Fight time!!
The time's finally come, Amaba!!
Gah, you're loud.
!
Oh, that's a shame!
We go third.
And so...
Secret plan?

HOO OOO OOO OOH !!
The shows began!
TAKE THAT !!
ア ア ア ア ア ア ア ア ア ア !!!
... Secret plan...


That is indeed a smart move.
Nicely done...
Where did they GET that from?
Did he mean that gong ...?
The first-years have little time to work with, so it's hard to leave an impression.
But having something so attention-grabbing at the start could distract from the rest.
...But the playing's what's important.
DANG, dude!! I'm so jealous!!
Even Kaze's elated.

We're in no position to be cocky...
And our individual merits might fall short...

They haven't had time to get in sync.
But I feel like their bands are thrown together.
Sure, the club's methods are effective in a sense.
Making bands out of individual talent...
Even if we aren't great at it, we know each other deeply!
But we've heard each other play from the start.

You can't have a band of just individuals.
Our way of going about it isn't wrong...
Prob-ably.
Number threes, get to the wings.
Oh!
... Hm.
Let's do it, guys!

Really?! I can't wait!!
ドキドキ…
Ah... I'm getting nervous now.
楽屋A
Green Room A
But I think we've done all we can do.
Yeah, I'm anxious about our first show...
Let's have fun out there!
Woo-hoo!
Right...

"The Reverse Days"!
Let's hit 'em with our new song...
The Reverse Days finally has their first concert!!
「ザ・リバースデイズ」ついに初ライブ!!
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「浮かバケ」最新3巻絶賛発売中!!

◆It's finally Kuya's band's turn at the concert contest!

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The Festive Monster's Cheerful Failure

家の裏でマンボウが死んでるP 原作 タカハシヨウ 作画 竜宮ツカサ

Manbo-Dead-Behind-the-House-P
Script: You Takahashi
Art: Tsukasa Ryuuguu

第25話「はじめてのぼうけん」

Issue 25: A First Adventure

Naturally, it's easy to get the crowd riled up with a song they know.
当然知っている曲の方が客は盛り上がりやすい
A cover of a popular song's a safe strategy.
有名曲のカバーか無難な策だ
Oh, I love this song!
I think I've heard this one before.
...あの時も演奏していた曲
...It's the same song they played before.
着実に成長しているだが…
They've clearly improved, yet...

Pre-cisely!
With their inferior skill, do they think they can best us by playing it safe?
'S too normal!!

The second song!! だ!!
Thank you!
But the main event is...
...is what he must be thinking.
ワアアアアアア...
ハキハキ
Crowd's pretty pumped, I guess ...
But not as much as with my gong!
Now listen up...
For "The Reverse Days"!
So this next song is the last. What'll it be?
The first-year bands have ten minute time slots...

Reverse Days! Our lives turned on their heads!
Re-Birthdays! That day we were born again!
Ooh...
WOOOOOOO!!

A-An origi-nal?!
And the melody is real good!
一瞬時間を止められたような…
It was like they stopped time for a sec...
そんな感覚だった！クソォ…！
That's seriously how it felt! Gah..!

Bringing the chorus right at the outset, I see.
A tactic often seen in anime sangs.
It allaws a strong impressian in a short time...
And as for the quality of the song itself...?
It's certainly not superior to the first song... yet...

It's been arranged to match their respective skill levels.
Maybe that's why it's coming together better than the first song.
トッ…
I see... This song...

今の彼らがやってこそ輝く曲!!
It shines brighter because of all they've done along the way!!
だが!!
And yet!!
この程度では俺には勝てん!!
This much shall not best me!!

He doesn't seem accustomed to using a mic.
I've heard that they practice in lousy circumstances, and it shows...

I look forward to hearing the lyrics of original student songs...
But I'm having a hard time making these out.

A unique song that's all their own... Their performance is rather plain given that, though.
From what little I can hear, it sounds fantasy-esque...
... monsters ....
... true forms ....

Re...
Let's go! Second chorus!!
2回目のサビ!!

Starting with the chorus was the way to go!
The crowd reaction's looking good!

REVERSE DAYS!
RE-VERSE DAYS!
!
They're singing along?! When they've only heard it once?!
Is that the kind of impact we've made?!
Then...!
いける!!
We can do this!!
通用してる
We're getting through!!

What're we gonna do here?
Hmm...
I think we're a little short if we wanna beat Daina...
But... Just a gut feeling...
でもなんとなくだけど…
The others seem pretty satisfied...
皆は結構満足してるっぽいけど…
Every-thing I can do!!
Well, I wanna do...
NO horse-play! Focus on the perfor-mance!

HRYA AAA AAA AAA AAA H!!
H...
He...!
Heheh... Whoop!
Wait... Do they like it?!
He's hyped up and fooling around ...?!
Hahaha! What's that?!
Whoa aaa!!

WOO OOO OO!!
スチャーン!!!
Once more!!
Agh...! We didn't plan this!
予定にない事を!
You just made me mess up a little!
スレちゃったじゃねぇか!
How the heck?!
That ain't even human!!
ピョーン
ギュル
ギュル
A glissando?!
グリッサンド!?
Even Kurane's doing adlibs?!
クレまでも!?
ポロロロロロロン♪

She read Amaba's change of pose... And made it even flashier!
天葉のポーズチェンジのタイミングを読んで
たんだ!!
Whaa aaah!!
ヒョ
オオオ!!
!!
gulp...
コク...
Now me and Chinone should...
地根も…
It wasn't planned, but the crowd loves it!
That's the rival I know and hate!!
Not bad at all, Amaba!!
ウオオオ!!
Gnnh ...
Just have to ride this wave, then!
いい手はない!!

一定間隔でポーズを変える天葉に合わせて
アドリブを入れて強調する!!
でも…
Okay, so we've got adlibs going along with Amaba's posing! But...

What's next?!
Now what ?!
What do we do?!

How many meas-ures?! !?
Can't get off-beat!! How long did that. last..? …
ない!!

Ah...
Eight measures!!
So next up...
次は…!!
Re-verse Days!!
Re-verse Days!
Is the cho-rus!!
だ!!

They pulled their act from crowd observation. We're not playing whatsoever!
Their performance fell apart slightly— That was an ad-lib!!
What in the world...
Wh...
It sure does feel like...
They're monsters up there!
Man, this is great!!
Haha ha!!
That was The Reverse Days!
Thank you very much!!

ワアアアアアアア...
ワアア
アアア...
Yeah!
It was a hit!!
Ama-ba!!

We beat Daina with that for sure!
Yeah!
Ahh...
Look at them counting their chickens.
...You.
Well, they weren't so bad, huh?
Loads of little mistakes, though.
Yes, I was somewhat surprised. But...
Only slightly exceeding expectations, at best.

Such beaming smiles...
Time to wipe them off their faces.
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The first show's a success! But what about the leader's band...?!

With their first show done...
You think they might win?
Hmm, maybe...
Mwa, ha, ha...
Yeah!
Never seen anything like that before.
The Reverse Days were really neat!
I wonder how they'll place?
They might contend with the leader.
We don't know that yet.
ABSOLUTELY!!
WE WON!!
Heh!
Now to watch from on high.
Yeah! We might be on the right track!
Well, we certainly exhibited more than just skill.

第26話「天狗は小さな木の上で」
Issue 26: Tengu in the Treetops
表裏一体、一心同体。
Two sides of one coin, and of one flesh.
浮かれバケモノの朗らかな破綻
The Festive Monster's Cheerful Failure
Manbo-Dead-Behind-the-House-P
Script: Yau Takahashi / Art: Tsukasa Ryuugu

I would like to say a word as the club leader.
Before our performonce os West Brook...
Oh? Already admitting defeat and being wrong?
Perhaps as a result, we have seen a different way of warking the crowd this year.
It has been quite the learning experience.
To accomadate for a guest band, first-years were allowed to enter this year.
Our first song...
"Misdirection."
But I find that indeed, first-yeors lock skill.
We will demonstrate the difference.
Wha?!

Wow... What the heck...?
Are the other bands seriously this different from us? How do you even get so...
圧倒的な
Overwhelmingly...
圧力が…？
powerful ...?
オオオオオオ
Gg...

So each and every note is distinct...
Like it sharply pierces you.
Performance
Skill
All their sound peaks are cleanly arranged.
The volume of all the parts is adjusted for the mic.
None of them is especially louder than any other.
That's what I like to hear.
特別な事はしていない
They're not doing anything unique.
この圧力は単なる確かな練習の証……！
This intensity is clear proof of their practice...!
YOU ROCK, LEAD-EEER!!
The tempo isn't that fast, so you can dance to it!
It's groovy without having to push hard like those guys!
Hmm, yeah...

I'd pick them over The Reverse Days any day...
!!
Yeah! Right after them, you can tell they're on another level!
Ahh, the leader's so dreamy... ♡
Can you hear me?!
Shout all the way from the back!!
オオ...

And so all the bands finished...

パチパチパチ…
West Brook! 49 in Skill, and 47 in Performance! With 96 points, they took first!
The Reverse Days! 29 in Skill, and 47 for Performance! With a total of 76 points, they earned fourth place!

Heh heh! ♡ Naturally.
Now as for the other placings...
パチパチパチ…

...Amaba?

I lost this one, but next time...
Dammit!! We got sixth!!

H-Hey, Amaba?!
Where you going?!
Right!
Let's go after him!
He must be in shock...

Saga-ra...
You're fuming.
Sir!
I cannot accept this!
The Performance scores.
It's inconceivable that we would score the same as The Reverse Days!
It's outrageous to put us alongside amateurs frolicking about on the spot!
We practiced constantly for this day.
Surely you're satisfied with taking first place overall?
...Sigh, you...

But they manoged to pull it off without planning just based on the crowd's favorable reaction.
Doesn't that speak to a lot of quick judgement and unity?
Not exactly commend-able to pull that at the expense of the music, the key part.
...That certainly was an adlib, yeah.
You guys got the crowd most worked up, but who surprised us all? Their band.
Thus the scores.
And the guy on guitar was pretty audacious for his first time on stage.
He must be accustomed to people looking at him... like a model or something.
Soften your face and open your mind.
And you won, so be a little happier about it.

.....
I'll do my best, sir.
Still got a lot to learn...
But they're both real inter-esting.
Maybe I should show 'em.
... Hmm.
フゥ...

AMA BAAA AAAA!
HEEEE EEEEE EEEY!
Ah!
Over there!
He couldn't have gone too far...
Where'd that guy get to ...?

G-Guys!
Amaba!!
We lost to the leader, but we placed fine.
It's nothing to get that upset about!
If it weren't for your adlib, we would have been lower.
I... I don't ...
...Don't deserve to look you in the eye...
'Cause I... I...
That's why I thought we won.
I did every-thing I could.
It's because you guys went along with my horseplay.

But we lost.
Because I was just dragging down the perfor-mance...
I screwed around too much to take it seriously.
What was I doin'...
N-No! That's not...
I told myself I would put in a lot of practice...
But it was just so much fun with you guys...
Look, we're all guilty of that!
Not to mention our class-mates impeding practice at times.
But...
Argh, enough!

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Don't just run off on your own!!
Iku-ya!!
Whoa!
W...

Y-You okay?!
...Summer vacation only just started.
Huh?!
We'll practice our hearts out
and have our revenge at the culture festival!
...
Yeah!

But the next day...
Amaba broke contact without a word.
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◆With still no word from Amaba, summer vacation ends...

...Second term's started now...
And no sign of Amaba.
Could he still be upset?
Isn't this a little long to be upset?
I wonder what's the matter?
...We can't practice like this.
Could he have returned to his parents?
I've gone to check his house a bunch of times, but he's not there.

Peeping through a pitfall of love. ♡

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The Festive Monster's Cheerful Foilure

Issue 27: Love Causes Serious Lightheartedness

Manbo-Dead-Behind-the-House-P

Script: You Takahashi / Art: Tsukasa Ryuuguu

Yo.
Is Amaba here?
Roku-gou!
ガ
ラ…
For what have you come?
No giving us any hassle.
Y-Yeah.
There's somebody who wants to meet Amaba, but he didn't show up today.
So I thought he might have come by here.
Who wants to meet him?
I've brought her.
Come on in.

H-Hello...
This is Komatsu, a member of that group I formed which doesn't hide their identities.
I'm a squirrel!
Class 1-A
Haru Komatsu
She's your classmate, so I'm guessing you know of her?
Er, yeah...
Of course, while I say I formed it, as you know...
The impetus was Amaba revealing himself to Magasa.
When I explained that to Komatsu here...
bashful
Amaba's reckless-ness seemed to, er...

Make her fall for him...
WHAAA?!
R-Roku-gou!
You shouldn't say it so blatantly...
Kyaa...
I mean, he's just so amazing!
It's so dangerous to reveal yourself to a human, and yet...
That disgustingly excitable tanktop baldy?
Far that blackhead who can barely dress himself?
He's not balding, is he...?
I-Isn't that kinda cruel? Isn't he your friend?
Ah!
That cup...
What?!
He did so boldly!! For his dream!!
He put his life in the hands of a clumsy human resembling wilted parsley...!
Not to mention I'm the one in the most danger!

?!
Then I'll lick one-fifth of it.
Is that proper math?!
A-Are you that type?!
Is this Amaba's? May I lick the rim and handle?
It's nobody's cup! All five of us use that!!
No!! There's a hundred reasons no!!
May I put it in my mouth?
I don't think he'd like that at all!!!
What else could be Amaba's belong-ings...
Oh! That sock!
I knew you were trouble!!
...Which is why I couldn't handle her and brought her here.
I'm sure Amaba's really nice. Like if I caught a cold, I wouldn't even have to tell him, he'd be able to tell just from the emojis in my texts and come over in sec-onds! And he'd buy food from the corner sto- and give me all
Whaaa? Amaba wouldn't hate any-one over something like that.
T-This girl's really some-thing...

Thanks to him, they have a load off their shoulders.
All the members of the group are, not just her.
And they can properly exchange information now. You'd understand that too, right?
Well, she may be extreme about it...
But she is very grateful to Amaba.
sock
Grateful?
So where is Amaba?
...Well, he's gone missing.
...
Guess we'll check his house again.
We don't know. We've lost contact.
!
Did something happen?!

So he isn't home...
...No answer.
ding dong...
Could the class have taken notice of him ...?
Oh no! Amaba!
Y-You think he was taken out?!
Come see the veranda!
What, Yakumo?
Guuuys! Heeey!
...It's a possibility.

He's been practicing all summer!
That pile of cup ramen...
Too focused to even answer the doorbell...

...Ikuya.
...Yeah.
IT'S HIIIIM!!

W-Wait!
!!!
!

Ha... And without a word about it.
Seriously.
Let's go!! We'll kick down the door!!

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Planning Meeting
If we are not to enter the house, we instead must drag him out.
Let's break his windaw with a rock.
Mhm.
T-That's a little much.
I know a classmate who can fix it.
Eh...
Good.
Such variety amang yau guys...
Once he exits, engage in the romcom tried-and-true:
Bump inta him at that carner.
Tried-and-true?
Rushing out in the marning, having a head-on collision with someone around a corner, and quarreling, but seeing each other again at school. You know.

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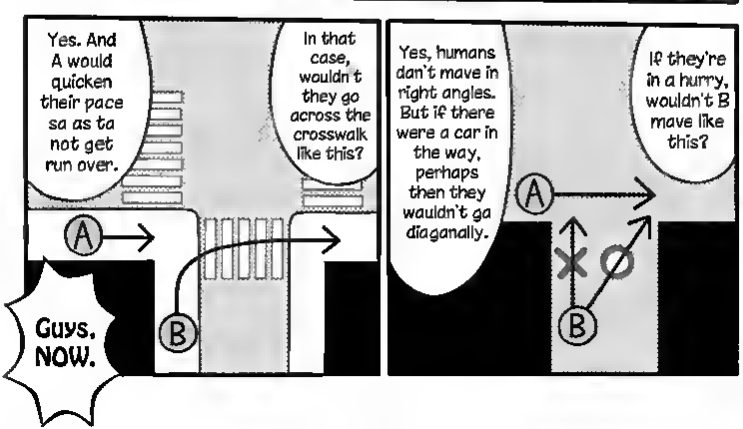

Would such a specific setup really catch on?
A
B
Paths just barely wide enough for one person?
A-HEM!!
If anyone fell over there, it'd cause a huge accident. Neither would be attending that day.
Car
Car
Car
A
B
How about lots of cars close together, and no crosswalk?
Hey!!
!?
Sorry, Amaba!!
Hey, Ikuya!!
The meeting isn't over yet!!
How about a Y-intersection?
From behind might be more realistic.
GYA AAA AGG GH!!
Would that cause an argument? The person in behind would just apologize.
Wait, what?
W-What the?!

Guys?! Why ...?!
Hey, and why'd you do that to my window?!
You didn't notice ?!
Oh... Was there school today, maybe?
What were you doing?!
You wouldn't call back, and didn't even come to school!
Shut up! We were worried about you!
Come on in!
Sorry, sorry! I'll explain...

I'm sorry! I...
I mean it!
Man, sorry about that.
I was bent out of shape about losing...
And I figured I lacked independent training.
I've been practicing guitar.
I guess I got kind of in a trance...
Well, a word to us about it would have been nice.

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I came here to meet you, Amaba!!
Yes, about that...
I want us to life this life to the fullest as a married couple and go to heaven together, but then the Enma will get Jealous and send us to separate hells. My hell and your hell would be 680,000 km apart in human terms, but dashingly escape
I want to marry you in preparation for meeting again every time we're reborn!
T-This is just scary!!
Amaba! I love you!!
Huh?!
Well, I...
I-I'm glad you feel that way, but...
ギュ...

G... GROSS!
H-Hey! You can't say THAT about a member showing improvement!
ギュラ
ラララ
ギョル
ゲロ
...Tengu have better reflexes than humans, right?
When I think of guitar as exercise for my fingers and arms, I can play way better.
But I want to keep getting better!
I have a goal in my head.
I've got no time to spare on romance.

...Okay, I see.
Sorry!
For now, I'll just take home one of your garbage bags!
...All right. But I won't give up!
Don't!!
So do your best! ♡
I'll be supporting you...

Ikuya's used to all kinds of monsters now, but...